

ABSTRACT

Even in an image-forming apparatus including an optical deflection apparatus using a light source such as a high-power laser light source, a variation in temperature of an optical deflector due to modulation of deflected light based on drawing data is compensated to maintain a preferable oscillation state of the optical deflection apparatus. The optical deflection apparatus includes an optical deflector in which an oscillator is supported by an elastic support member to be oscillatable about a support substrate and at least one light source, and the optical deflection apparatus is controlled such that total power of light emitted from the light source to the optical deflector within each of a plurality of divided time regions corresponding to specific times of equal lengths becomes a predetermined power. A changed temperature of the optical deflector which is caused due to a variation in power of light emitted from the light source to the optical deflector may be corrected by a temperature control element based on the power of the light emitted from the light source to the optical deflector within the specific time to control the optical deflection apparatus.